



ENERGY STAR is a broad partnership designed to promote products, buildings, and homes that use less energy without sacrificing quality.

ENERGY STAR FOR HOMES seeks to demonstrate that energy-efficient homes can improve builder profitability, improve home quality and homeowner comfort, lower energy demand, and reduce air pollution.

ENERGY STAR labeled homes use at least 30 percent less energy than the reference house defined in the National Association of State Energy Officials' (NASEO) Home Energy Rating System Technical Guidelines. A home built to these levels would achieve a minimum Home Energy Rating System (HERS) score of 86.

To receive an **ENERGY STAR** label, homes must be verified by an accredited, independent third party and shown to meet the performance threshold specified above. Visit www.energystar.gov/homes for more information.

Please mail or fax this form to:

ENERGY STAR FOR HOMES
PARTNER SUPPORT COORDINATOR
US EPA (MAIL CODE 6202J)
1200 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20460

FAX: 202-565-2079

Visit www.energystar.gov/homes for additional information.

ENERGY STAR Hotline:
1-888-STAR-YES
(1-888-782-7937)

ENERGY STAR® PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT:

ENERGY STAR FOR HOMES

Through this agreement you join in partnership with ENERGY STAR. Through this partnership, the ENERGY STAR name and/or labels can be used in association with qualified homes.

To be completed by authorized company representative:

(Please type or print clearly - Information to be displayed on the ENERGY STAR Web site)

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Web site: _____

Major metro area served (for listing on our Web site): _____

What organization referred you to ENERGY STAR? _____

Partner Type:

For Home Builders (please specify):

➤ Site-built Home Builder:

Local Builder/Developer

Division/Subsidiary

Corporate (National)

➤ Manufactured Home Builder:

Plant*

Retailer/Community

Corporate (HQ/Division)

* Provide a list with name, city, state, phone # of any retailer/community you wish to be affiliated with on our Web site.

➤ System Building (e.g., modular, SIP, ICF, panel, etc.) Specify system type: _____

Plant*

Retailer/Local Builder

Corporate (HQ/Division)

* Provide a list with name, city, state, phone # of any retailer/local builder you wish to be affiliated with on our Web site.

• Parent company, if applicable: _____

• Average number of homes built per year: _____

• **100% Commitment Option.** Builders interested in special recognition can commit to building and labeling 100% of their homes with the ENERGY STAR label. This commitment will be denoted with a special 100% icon on the ENERGY STAR for Homes Web site locator map. To make this commitment please initial here: _____

For Verification Organizations (please specify):

Accredited HERS/BOP Provider

Certified HERS Rater/BOP Inspector

• If a Rater or Inspector, please name the Accredited Provider with whom you are affiliated:

Authorized Company Representative (printed name): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by US EPA:

Kathleen Hogan; Director, Climate Protection Partnerships Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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The ENERGY STAR labeled home performance target can be met through any combination of:

- Envelope upgrades;
- Controlled air infiltration;
- Upgraded heating and air conditioning systems' and
- Upgraded water heating equipment.

EPA encourages builder Partners to protect the health of occupants by equipping ENERGY STAR labeled homes with features that will improve indoor air quality. Additional information can be found on the ENERGY STAR Web site.

ENERGY STAR builder Partners are encouraged to equip ENERGY STAR labeled homes with energy-efficient lighting and appliances or to offer such equipment as upgrades. Additional information, including a list of labeled products, can be found on the ENERGY STAR Web site.

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ENERGY STAR Commitments to Partners

1. Increase awareness of the ENERGY STAR label by distributing key messages on the benefits of ENERGY STAR qualified homes and homes-related products.
2. Provide (via the ENERGY STAR Web site, Hotline, e-mail or other means) current ENERGY STAR news, information, and reference documents.
3. Provide ENERGY STAR Partners with public recognition through the Internet (in accordance with the *ENERGY STAR Web Linking Guidelines*), special awards, and media campaigns for their efforts in ENERGY STAR and role in protecting the environment.
4. Respond expediently to any Partner requests for information or clarification on ENERGY STAR policies.

General Commitments for ENERGY STAR Partners

1. Label at least one qualified home with the ENERGY STAR label within any ongoing 12-month period. Partners not fulfilling this requirement will be placed on 'Inactive' status, thereby forfeiting all rights to: the ENERGY STAR name, logo, and other materials; eligibility for ENERGY STAR awards; and inclusion on lists of ENERGY STAR Partners used on the ENERGY STAR Web site and in advertising materials. Partners placed on 'Inactive' status can be reinstated and regain all benefits by labeling a qualified home with the ENERGY STAR label.
2. Use the Partnership and the ENERGY STAR label to promote energy efficiency as an easy and desirable option for new home buyers to prevent pollution, protect the environment, and save on energy bills.
3. Build and maintain the meaning of ENERGY STAR as a trustworthy symbol that makes it easy to make a difference for the environment while saving money.
4. Adhere to the *ENERGY STAR Logo Use Guidelines* (available at www.energystar.gov/logos) and ensure that authorized representatives, such as advertising agencies, distributors, and subcontractors, also comply.
5. Adhere to the *ENERGY STAR Web Linking Guidelines* (available at www.energystar.gov/partners). Failure to do so can result in the loss of linking privileges from the ENERGY STAR Web site.
6. For accredited HERS or BOP providers, certified rater or BOP inspectors, and certified manufactured home plants, provide an ENERGY STAR label for each ENERGY STAR qualified home.
7. For accredited HERS or BOP providers and certified manufactured home plants, submit quarterly reports to ENERGY STAR specifying the number of homes verified as meeting ENERGY STAR performance specifications, listed by builder name (for providers) or by retailer (for manufacturing plants).
8. For manufactured home partners electing to manage the distribution of ENERGY STAR labeling materials at the corporate headquarters, divisional, or regional level, provide labeling materials only to qualified plants and coordinate the reporting and recordkeeping processes for each plant as described in *ENERGY STAR Labeled Manufactured Homes: Design, Manufacturing, Installation and Certification Procedures* (available at www.energystar.gov/homes).

General Terms and Disclaimers

1. Partner will not construe, claim, or imply that its participation in ENERGY STAR constitutes federal government approval, acceptance, or endorsement of anything other than the Partner's commitment to ENERGY STAR. Partnership does not constitute federal government endorsement of the Partner or its homes or services.
2. Partner understands that the activities it undertakes in connection with ENERGY STAR are voluntary and not intended to provide services to the federal government. As such, the Partner will not submit a claim for compensation to any federal agency.
3. Partner and ENERGY STAR will assume good faith as a general principle for resolving conflict and will seek to resolve all matters informally, so as to preserve maximum public confidence in ENERGY STAR.
4. This agreement is voluntary and can be terminated by either party at any time or any reason, with no penalty.
5. Failure to comply with this Partnership Agreement or the *ENERGY STAR Logo Use Guidelines* can result in termination of this Agreement and authorization to use the logo marks.
6. ENERGY STAR will actively pursue actions for resolving issues of logo use noncompliance.

ENERGY STAR Logo Mark Usage Summary

This information is presented for reference only. Please refer to the *ENERGY STAR Logo Use Guidelines* for a complete explanation of the authorized usage of each logo mark.



Certification Mark
Used to label an ENERGY STAR qualified home



Partnership Mark
Used to highlight your ENERGY STAR Partnership



Promotional Mark
Used to educate the public about ENERGY STAR



Linkage Phrase Marks
Used to promote your services and products and link to ENERGY STAR